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MASONS FEAST GRAYLING KIDDIES

The kiddies of Grayling had a big time Wednesday evening. The first scene of the festivities was enacted in the dining room of the Michelson Memorial church. The room was packed full of kiddies from four to twelve years of age, and as rapidly as a tummy had been packed full of roast chicken and gravy, and all the other good things, including ice cream and cake, another eager kiddie was given a place, until over four hundred little tummies had been filled with big dinners.

The ladies of Grayling Chapter O. E. S. had a part in the responsibility of entertaining the kiddies too, and it was they who prepared all the good things to eat and had them all ready for the men to serve at the appointed time.

The tables were decorated with small Christmas trees on standards, each sparkling with tinsel. Large colored candles placed along the centers of the long tables added greatly to the cheerful scene. The favors at each place consisted of a candy stick wrapped in colored paper. The grown-ups who were fortunate enough to be present certainly felt amply repaid for the effort expended in viewing the satisfied expressions on the little faces.

About that time Santa Claus appeared on the scene and created a great furor. He invited them all over to the Masonic Temple, where he said he had some surprises in store for them. After all the appetites had been satisfied, all of the kiddies thronged over to the basement of the Temple.

The first thing that greeted their eyes was a beautiful tree sparkling with many colored lights at the far end of the room. Old Santa was tickled half to death by the shrieks of delight. As the kiddies crowded toward the tree they were presented with dolls, skates, sleds, or trains, or whatever seemed to fit them best. As they passed out, each one was given a large bag of candy, nuts, and popcorn ball.

After all of the kiddies had gone, it was found that some, for one reason or another, had been unable to be present. After Santa had checked up on his list, he learned that these were the names of a number of helpers to assist in delivering a present, and a bag of candy to each absentee. Old Santa learned that one little boy with a mangled arm was at the hospital, so he hopped in his sleigh and went right up there. The little had was tickled, you can bet, to have a visit from Santa who had a dandy present for him.

After "Old Whiskers" had finished his work, he sighed with satisfaction and, with a wave of his hand, cracked his long whip over his reindeer and disappeared. After he had gone, it was found he had left six hundred presents and six hundred bags of candy and nuts behind. How he had gotten all these things in his sleigh is a mystery that is still unsolved.

While the "Big" Brothers observed a great deal of satisfaction in sponsoring the affair which involved a great deal of work, they are indebted to a great many others who assisted in many ways. It is hoped they feel repaid for their time and effort in knowing that the Christmas spirit has been brought to many children, who otherwise may have been forgotten.

"Doc" Sackrider of Owosso pleaded guilty in court before Justice Kraus to violation of the game law and was fined \$50.00 and costs. Sackrider gave sworn testimony implicating Capt. Egan and Mr. McVeigh, both state employees in Lansing, charging them with having brought into camp a fawn deer.



Ding! Dong!

The Old Boy is telling 'em!

And so are we; we want everyone to have a Merry Christmas. Let's forget all else but kindness upon that day and have a cheery word for all.

And may Old Santa be good to the people of Crawford county. We extend our warmest and most sincere Christmas Greetings.

T. W. HANSON
LUMBER
Phone 622

UNDER THE HOLLY BOUGH
Ye, who have scorned each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast-fading year,
Ye, who by word or deed
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather here!
Let sinned against and sinning
Forget their strife's beginning,
And join in friendship now;
Be links no longer broken,
Be sweet forgiveness spoken,
Under the holly bough.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

CAROLERS TO SING CHRISTMAS EVE AT TREE

The community is again to enjoy a fine Yuletide tree near the court yard corner, and listen to the old Christmas songs as sung by a chorus of trained singers.

The tree and the program is being sponsored by the ladies of the Good Fellowship club, as it was last year. Mrs. C. G. Clippert is general chairman of the singing, and that assures a fine program.

Many will remember the pleasures of the similar program given last year and will want to be present. Let's have a big crowd and enjoy hearing again the Christmas songs of old.

In addition to the selected singers there will be groups of school children to assist in the singing. The program is to begin at 7:30 Friday evening.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE M. E. CHURCH LIBRARY

The Michelson Memorial Sunday school are the recipients of a fine gift of fifteen new books for their library, the donor being Mrs. Olat Michelson of Detroit. The books are as follows:

A Wonder Book, Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The Big Game, Lawrence Perry.

Reminiscence, J. D. Abbott.

Pinochio, C. Colloidi.

Wolf, Albert Payson Terhune.

Sandman's Rainy Day Stories, Albert Phillips Walker.

Little Jack Rabbit and Chippy Chipmunk, David Cory.

Little Jack Rabbit's Adventures, David Cory.

Pony-Off's Seven-League Stills, Leo Edwards.

Puppy-Ott and the Stuttering Parrot, Leo Edwards.

Peter Pan and Wendy, J. M. Barrie.

Woodcraft Boys at Sunset Island, Roy and Horsington.

The Wonder Book of Bible Stories, Logan Marshall.

Child's Garden of Verses, Robert Louis Stevenson.

Along Through the Looking Glass, Lewis Carroll.

This is a very good selection of books and the Sunday School is proud to add them to their library. They have already sent Mrs. Michelson a letter of thanks and appreciation for this fine gift.

The money with which the other books were bought, which were mentioned recently in the columns of the Avalanche, was a gift also to the Sunday School. The books are to be catalogued as soon as possible, and then they will be ready for circulation.

Another book, "Robinson Crusoe" by DeFoe, belonging to the old Sunday School library of the Michelson Memorial church, has come to light. If there are any other books in the homes of anyone, the Sunday School will be very glad to have them brought in at once, in order that they may be catalogued with the rest of the books.

GOVERNORS TO MEET IN MICHIGAN

The East Michigan Tourist Association was one of the organizations in the state which invited the governors of the United States to hold their annual conference in Michigan last year. At that time the chivalric instincts of the governors prevailed and they succumbed to the invitation of a state which has a feminine governor. It has now been announced that the governors will hold their 1927 annual conference at Mackinac Island.

E. M. T. TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONSERVATION MEET

Governor-elect Fred W. Green has issued a call for a meeting at Ionia, December 27, of representatives of various Michigan groups whose interests are identified with, or parallel, to conservation.

Herman Lundén of Gaylord, president of the North Eastern Michigan Development Bureau will represent that organization at the meeting and the East Michigan Tourist Association will be represented by Otto F. Louis of Bay City.

GREETINGS

I sincerely appreciate the good will that has made possible our pleasant business relations during the past year, and trust that the same may continue for years to come.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A. E. Hendrickson,
The Tailor.

READY TO COLLECT TAXES

I will be at the Treasurer's office in the Court house beginning Monday, December 27th to collect taxes for the Township of Grayling. The hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12:00 o'clock noon, and from 1 to 5 p. m. Also on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

CARL J. JENSEN,
Township Treasurer.

Christmas Decorations



CHARITY BALL NEW YEARS EVE

The one big event looked forward to during the year by the many people who attend is the Charity Ball, given by the Hospital Aid, for the benefit of Mercy hospital.

This is not only a beautiful affair in itself but is also something that should interest everyone in Grayling and the surrounding country, as it is one of the things that help support our much needed hospital.

This year, as usual, the ball will take place at the school gymnasium on Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve. Come so real to the Dutch children. From parents never being in danger of the world St. Nicholas, we have decided to have a very real character in the minds and hearts of American children. We would not rob them of their belief in a real Santa Claus, but we would teach them that Santa Claus is a spirit of good will and love, and that the child himself becomes a Santa Claus when he makes a gift to someone.

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EXTRACTS FROM PROGRAM OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Emil Giegling.

The program consisted of Christmas poems, a book review and music.

The poems were "Christmas Every-where," by Phillip Brooks, "Jest For Christmas," by Eugene Field, and "The Night before Christmas," by Clement Moore. In the poem last mentioned, we get a fine description of St. Nicholas, which in fact is a character originating from the folk lore of the Dutch. When the "mini-gerants of this nationality" came to America, they brought with them the short end of the shortest stick of the world St. Nicholas, we have decided to have a very real character in the minds and hearts of American children. We would not rob them of their belief in a real Santa Claus, but we would teach them that Santa Claus is a spirit of good will and love, and that the child himself becomes a Santa Claus when he makes a gift to someone.

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on the Mississippi river. The story is of a "show troupe," who travel up and down the river in a boat, the boat being their theater as well as their living quarters. This book is likely to become, if it has not already, as popular as "So Big," by the same author.

The charity committee had sewing ready, which was done by the members during the meeting.

GRAYLING HIGH LOSER TO CITY BOYCAN

The local high school boys basketball team met their second defeat of the season when they were trimmed by the Cheboygan high, to the tune of 24 to 9 on the local court last Friday evening. The local quintet was at a disadvantage from the start, the first half being a period of their own. From parents never being in danger of the world St. Nicholas, we have decided to have a very real character in the minds and hearts of American children. We would not rob them of their belief in a real Santa Claus, but we would teach them that Santa Claus is a spirit of good will and love, and that the child himself becomes a Santa Claus when he makes a gift to someone.

A snappy preliminary game was played between the teams of the 8th and 9th grades, the latter winning the honors.

Christmas Greetings

LET EVERY HEART BE HAPPY FOR CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE, THE HAPPIEST, GLADDEST, MERRIEST TIME OF ALL THE LONG, LONG YEAR.

'Tis Christmas time and all about there is a sense of gladness. People seem to be happy and contented.

This is as it should be. Homes now are more comfortable and more cheerful than in the yesteryears, and housework is no longer a drudgery.

We are happy to be able to say that the Grayling Electric Company has contributed largely to this state of happiness. Electricity, the universal slave to humanity, has lightened the burdens of the people and the people have now learned to enjoy its usefulness.

It is our sincere wish that we may continue to grow in usefulness and be of real service to the people of Grayling.

May this Christmas be a Merry one in every home in Grayling, and a wish that we hope will come true, and may Old Santa be good to all.

Sincerely yours,

Grayling Electric Co.

(Note—There is still time to take advantage of our December offer of any article in our show room for \$5.00 down and easy payments. Drop in and let us show you.)

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, December 26, 1901

Fred Alexander is home for the holidays.

The mercury registered zero from 1 degree to 17 degrees every night last week.

The country is safe, at least until January 4th, when Congress will reconvene.

Miss Althea McIntyre is home from her school at Roscommon, for the two week's holiday season.

Miss Laura Simpson is home from the state normal at Mt. Pleasant for the holidays.

G. L. Alexander was on a business trip to Detroit the first of the week.

T. B. Hanson donated the shingles for the Congregational parsonage, hereby winning the thanks of the member.—Roscommon News.

Mrs. J. E. McKnight returned from her visit last Friday, and the first of the week went to W. S. Chalker's in Maple Forest for Christmas.

A case of scarlet fever was reported Saturday at the home of S. J. Vanure.

The closing exercises in the lower rooms of school last week were given a Christmas character with tree gifts and appropriate programs. The little ones were made happy as they should be.

M. Laughray and son Jas. J. took a contract this week from Salling, Hanson & Co. of putting in three million feet of timber for them. The work is located on Black river, and it is expected that it will take three years to complete the work.—Roscommon News.

Work on the salt well has been discontinued for a little time on account of the cold weather. When they stop and work the brine was running over the top of the pipe, 2700 feet deep in the ground, and there is no question of its ultimate success.

The Grayling Electric Light and Power Co. shut the gates of their dam the first of last week, expecting to be ready to use the accumulated water this week, but alas! "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley." In the morning about two feet of the dam was washed out and it will take all or more than this week to replace it.

It is reported from Lansing that Auditor General Powers is deeding to Land Commissioner Wilder all the lands in Crawford county, delinquent under the statute, so they will be immediately open for homestead entry. Will they be next withdrawn from the homestead list and set aside as part of the forestry preserve?

Julius K. Merz has returned home to spend the holidays with his family and friends.

Many homes and hearts were gladdened in our village yesterday by true, though unostentatious charity. The thousands of Christmas gifts which were made for friendship's sake, pleasant as they were, are far outweighed by those which were given in the spirit of Him whose birth was celebrated. The liberality of all our merchants is acknowledged, and that

of the pioneer firm of Salling, Hanson & Co. is proverbial. Several sleigh loads of necessities were delivered to scores of deserving poor, while the clerks and other employees of the firm were generously remembered.

Crawford Grange met in G. A. R. hall Saturday noon, and after partaking of a picnic dinner, elected the following officers:

Master—Perry Ostrander.
Overseer—W. C. Johnson.
Lecturer—Chas. Ingerson.
Steward—Elmer Ostrander.
Ass't. Steward—Augustus Funck.
Chaplain—Henry Funck.
Treasurer—Fred P. Hoelsi.
Secretary—John A. Love.
Gatekeeper—James Sullivan.
L. A. Stewart—Mrs. H. Feldhauser.
Covey—Mrs. Susan Funck.
Pomona—Miss Dora Hoelsi.
Flora—Mrs. Phillips.
Cor. to Michigan Farmer—Perry Ostrander.

Scotch Branch Items
John Corwin is drawing wood to Roscommon.

Ernie Richardson is drawing ties to Roscommon.

Miss Redhead spent Saturday and Sunday at J. Royce's.

Miss Minnie Richardson is visiting her uncle, Frank Richardson of Richfield.

Miss Mabel Redhead began a two months term of school in the Richardson district, the 16th.

H. Head has so far recovered as to be able to get around the house with the aid of a crutch and cane.

Jury List—Circuit Court
The following is a list of jurors drawn for the January term of the Circuit Court, to be convened on Monday, January 20th, 1902.

Sherman Clark, South Branch.
James Smith, Frederic.
S. P. Olson, Grayling.
H. S. Buck, Maple Forest.
Joseph Scott, South Branch.
John A. Love, Beaver Creek.
Mark S. Dille, Frederic.
Charles Jerome, Grayling.
Walter Love, Maple Forest.
Conrad Welnes, South Branch.
Stewart B. Stokler, Beaver Creek.
Lars Nelson, Grayling.
Amos Buck, Maple Forest.
C. L. Richardson, South Branch.
L. B. Merrill, Beaver Creek.
Wm. Blanshan, Grayling.
Edgar Wilkinson, Maple Forest.
Chas. Waldron, South Branch.
Chas. Silsby, Beaver Creek.

Officers Masonic Lodge
At the regular communication of Grayling Lodge No. 356, F. & A. M., the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

John J. Coventry—W. M.
George W. Comer—S. W.
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where Rev. Baughn conducted funeral services. Ernest and Oscar Borchers, Emil and Hans Niederer acted as pall bearers, and burial was in Elmwood cemetery beside her mother, Jennie Neuman. Borchers who died many years ago when Flora was but a little child.

The family have the sympathy of many friends who were grieved to hear of her sudden death and especially her little son and daughter who are left motherless.

What has become of the old fashioned merchant who used to haul out a big pile of red flannel underwear along about this season of the year?

Judging from the election returns those poor, half-starved western farmers must have been too weak to vote the Democratic ticket.

FORMER GRAYLING GIRL PASSES AWAY

On Friday of last week Mrs. Lee Place of Detroit, who is remembered as Miss Flora Borchers, was brought here for burial, having died of peritonitis on Wednesday.

Those who came with the remains were her father, P. D. Borchers of Blue Island, Ill., her husband, Lee Place and a sister of Mr. Borchers, Mrs. A. A. Perrin of Bay City. The remains were taken from the train to the Michelson Memorial church,



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1931

Local News

January 6th. The third number of
the Lyceum course.

Mrs. Blanche Hull was in Bay City
over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Olson were in
Saginaw the last of the week.

Miss Mildred Corwin of Lansing is
spending the holidays, the guest of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Corwin.

Dr. C. J. McCann announces that
his dental office will be closed from
December 24th to the 28th, as he will
be out of the city.

Ned Woodman, popular cartoonist,
will be in Grayling January 6th, at
the Michelson Memorial church, the
third number on the Lyceum course.

Emerson Brown, who is attending
the University of Michigan for his
second term, has arrived home for the
holidays and is visiting his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Miss Beulah Colleen and Miss
Lucella Colleen arrived home Monday
to spend the holidays visiting their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Colleen
and Mrs. George A. Colleen respectively.

Miss Carrie Jorgenson, accompanied
by her mother, Mrs. Jorgenson,
who has made her home with her
daughter for some time, are leaving
this week for St. Louis, Missouri, to
spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs.
John R. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. William Ryan
(Lillian Smith) of Detroit are the
proud parents of a son, born Thurs-
day, Dec. 16th, at the home of Mrs.
Ryan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
L. Smith of this city. Mr. Ryan came
up from Detroit for the week-end to
visit the newcomer.

DECEMBER											
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Did you ever stop to think why the
holly has become a symbol of Christ-
mas? It is said that the sharp point-
ed leaves represent the crown of
thorns that Christ wore when he was
crucified, and the scarlet berries the
drops of blood he shed.

George Schaible, caretaker at the
Hanson state military reservation, no
doubt is a proud daddy, as a nine
pound son was born to them Sunday
morning at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Schaible
and babe are at the University hospi-
tal, and latest reports say they are
both doing nicely. George Jr. is the
new arrival's name.

Drop in and see the new Fanchon
toilet goods. We have them.
Central Drug Store.

Ned Woodman admits that he can't
just figure out why some people
speak of his work as "instructional"
and "uplifting," but he hopes that he
is not doing much harm. Neverthe-
less, you will have an evening of un-
usual entertainment and enjoyment if
you see him and listen to him when he
appears here January 6th, on the
Lyceum course.

If you like milk chocolate, and most
everyone does, get a slice off the
chocolate cow at Olaf Sorenson-Sons
Friday, December 24th. This cow,
which is solid chocolate, is put out by
the Runkel people and is a very ex-
cellent model of a real cow. It weighs
70 pounds. Don't forget, Friday is
the day to get a piece of the Runkel
cow, and at Sorenson's confectionery
store.

The cabaret party staged at the
Temple Theatre by Mr. and Mrs.
Harold Thompson proved to be one of
the best evening's entertainment seen
in Grayling for some time. The de-
corations were beautiful and the novel-
ty numbers prove very popular with the
young dancers as well as the older
folks. It was indeed an enjoy-
able evening and both Mr. and Mrs.
Thompson deserve much credit for the
capable way these parties are being
conducted. An extra pleasant attrac-
tion was the solo dancing by Miss
Anita Thomas, a charming little
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

The next party will be a Christmas
party and dance, which will be held
Thursday night, Dec. 23rd.

SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward
Mason, Ethel Taylor.

School Notes:
A cultivated mind is the guardian
of the genius of democracy. It is the
only dictator that freemen acknowl-
edge and the only security that free-
men desire.—Lamar.

Miss Cottle (in Modern History)—
"Do you think missionaries help the
heathen any?"
Theodore—"Yes, they teach them
to have only one wife."

Exitus acta probat—motto of
Washington.

Janice, upon taking last week's
school notes to the office, was in-
formed by Mr. Schumann, that the
editors should write on only one side
of the paper.
"Yes, sir," she replied, "but which
side?"

Many persons might have attained
to wisdom, had they not assumed that
they already possessed it.—Seneca.

Mr. Smith—"I suspect what we
need in this business is brains."

Miss Titworth—"That does seem
to be what's lacking."

Victory belongs to the most per-
severing.—Napoleon.

Thuman—"I ain't in favor of noth-
ing English."

Miss Cottle—"Not even the lang-
uage, I see."

Impossible is a word to be found
only in the dictionary of fools.—Na-
poleon.

Elizabeth—"Is that little brother
of yours a tease?"
George—"That kid is the limit. He
put a 'No Parking' sign on the place
where I had hung my mistletoe."

"An enterprise, when fairly once
begun, should not be left 'till all that
ought is won."—Shakespeare.

Mr. Smith appeared worried.

Please tell me what is the mat-
ter," begged Mrs. Smith.

"Matter," explained Mr. Smith, "is
that of which the entire universe is
composed, made up of molecules,
atoms and electrons."

"What is defeat? Nothing but edu-
cation; nothing but the first steps to
something better."—Wendell Phillips.

Miss Cottle—"Are you in favor of
intelligence tests for admission to the
United States?"
Amos—"Yes, if the newcomers are
English lecturers."

Doing well depends upon doing
completely.—Persian proverb.

Miss Titworth entertained the
assembly last Friday noon from 11:45
to 12:05. Some bright high school
pupils rendered concert of peculiar
sounds. No refreshments were serv-
ed.

Junior Hanson, a former high
school student, is spending the holi-
days here. He is attending St. John's
military academy in Deerfield, Wis.

The football boys wish to thank
Mr. Olson for the complimentary
tickets to "The Quarterback." It
was very much enjoyed by the team.

The Grayling high school debating
team will debate Cheboygan high
school, January 14, 1932, it was an-
nounced Friday. The team for this
debate has not yet been chosen, but
there are many students competing
for a place on the team. We are to
uphold the affirmative side of the
question, "Resolved, that the United
States Government should own the

coal mines," and the contest bids fair
to be a close one.

The better is always enemy to the
best.—Galileo.

School closed Wednesday afternoon
for Christmas vacation, but according
to Mr. Smith, the vacation is for the
teachers.

Are you in earnest? Seize this very
minute; what you can do, or dream
you can, begin it.

NOTICE

The parties in Ford coupe who
entered my cottage at Higgins lake
are known and will be prosecuted if
the offense is repeated.
Mrs. M. F. Bingham.

Bethlehem Today

If you were to visit Palestine today,
you find the "little town of Bethle-
hem" changed in many ways from
that of the yesterdays. Philip

Brooks described the town in the first
stanza of his famous Christmas hymn
"O Little Town of Bethlehem," as one
of quietness and peacefulness and of
dark streets lighted only by the stars.
"The hopes and fears of all the years
were met the night of the birth of the
Christ Child and Bethlehem came into
prominence the world over from that
day, and has remained so through the
nineteen hundred and twenty-six
years since.

The dwellings of the peasant class
of that time were simply itself, the
walls being of stone with no cement
or plaster, the roofs of boughs or
poles laid side by side and covered
with mud or straw, the floors were
just the earth. The best of these
houses were hardly better than the
"dugouts" of the American prairies or
the Crofters' cottages of Scotland,"
but neither the walls nor floors were
damp because of the dryness of the
climate.

The Bethlehem of today shows all
evidences of prosperity with its sur-
roundings of "olive groves, vineyards,
pasture lands and grain fields." The
little city of 8,000 inhabitants is set
on the "sides and summit of a semi-
circle of hills and has been called the
"House of Bread" because of the wheat
which this region through a great ac-
cess from Solomon's Pool, and this is
tapped at the foot of the hill and
reservoirs are formed. This is one
great feature in making this region
one of the most prosperous.

To drive into this Bethlehem one
must follow a rather steep road run-
ning between granite walls and
ubiquitous buildings. The nearer
you come to the town the narrower
the road becomes, until it is not
wide enough for two vehicles to pass.
For this reason there is one street by
which to enter and another by which
to leave.

Thousands of tourists visit this
town every year and each year more
many of the inhabitants earn their
living by making and selling souve-
nirs made by nineteen different es-
tablishments. If the traveler should
stop in front of the church of the
Nativity he might be surrounded by
a shouting crowd, each trying to sell
him a souvenir—olive wood candle-
sticks and necklaces carved mother-
of-pearl, or cups from the black stone
of the Dead Sea. And the prices are
nearly double what the same article
could be purchased for in Jerusalem.
The tourist cannot imagine he is in
the same quiet, peaceful Bethlehem
of long ago. But if he can overlook
disagreeable features such as these,
he can see the town further and there-
according to tradition, Jesus was
born.

The Church of the Nativity, one of
the oldest churches in the world, is
not a large building, measuring only
about 120 feet in length and a little
less in width. It is said to have been
erected some time during the begin-
ning of the fourth century. Under-
neath the church there is a room 40
feet by 12, with ceiling ten or twelve
feet high, called the "grotto of the
Nativity." Two soldiers stand near
the entrance to maintain order. Near
the wall of rock, and in front of it,
a marble slab in the floor with a silver
star in the center; on this star is this
inscription: "Hic in Virgine Maria
Jesus Christus Natus Est." ("Here
Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin
Mary.") Sixteen lamps of silver set
over the star and burn there from
year to year.

A recess cut in the rock wall is
called the "Chapel of the Manger,"
where Jesus was laid according to
tradition. Near here is the "Chapel
of the Magi," where the wise men
came to worship him and offer their
gifts. Kings and princes, when visit-
ing this grotto, have left their gifts
too, and the walls "are covered with
richly embroidered cloth and many
lamps hang from the ceiling."

On Christmas eve of each year a
great festival is held, beginning at
ten o'clock. Toward midnight a long
procession is formed—monks, clergy,
Turkish soldiers and "the patriarch
who holds a waxen baby representing
Jesus lying in a manger on cushions
of red silk with a layer of straw un-
derneath it." In remembrance of the
humble birth of the Christ Child.
The procession passes through this
grotto while the whole population is
assembled outside. "The patriarch
sings the story of Christ's birth as
given in the Gospel of Luke," and
the celebration ends shortly after two
o'clock in the morning with a solemn
Te Deum. Then "the people continue
singing merry songs and feasting,
with brilliantly lighted torches until
their vigils are ended by the rising
sun."

Winifred McNeven.

MINISTER LIKES NORTHERN MICHIGAN

A minister who visited northern
Michigan last season, writing to the
East Michigan Tourist Association
regarding his vacation, said:

"Michigan has many fine lakes and
rivers for vacation purposes. We
have camped for about 26 years from
the Atlantic to the Pacific, in United
States and Canada, and should know
something as to what tourists want
and what Michigan is very attrac-
tive as there are a variety of places
and any kind of attraction can be
had."

He states that he intends to visit
this section again next year.

1927 AUTO LICENSES
Auto licenses for the year 1927 are
on sale at the office of County
Treasurer Wm. Ferguson. The lat-
est says: "Don't forget to bring along
your certificate of title when you
come after your license."

CHOICE Christmas FOWLS

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As always, this market offers you
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Ducks and Chickens for your Christ-
mas dinner—and this season, per-
haps more than ever before, our
prices afford economy opportunities.

John Huber Market

Phone No. 126

MORE HURON FRONTAGE SOLD

C. D. Thompson, Bad Axe, has sold
to a syndicate headed by G. E. Car-
penter of the same city, a half mile
of Huron county lake frontage. It
was the second large transaction in
lake frontage within a short time.
The financial consideration was not
announced.



May you have a Merry Xmas
and a Happy New Year is the
sincere wish of this market for
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han home, a small hound, color
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Avalanche office.

LOST—SOMEWHERE ON Main St.,
Keymaster with one key. Name,
Kerry & Hanson stamped on out-
side of case. Reward offered.
Leave at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Collie and Airedale pup-
pies, 10 weeks old. Call phone 1081.

FOR SALE—NEARLY NEW 5c Slot
machine. A bargain. Inquire at
Avalanche office.

A BLACK AND WHITE HOUND
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fy C. R. Adams. Reward offered.

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L. B. 74.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—BY THE
day or hour. Mrs. Eva Bailey.

GARAGE FOR RENT OR FOR Stor-
age. Mrs. Lottie Atkinson, South
Side. Phone 1191.

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Owner may have same on proof of
ownership and payment of costs.
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Santa Claus Was Good to Me



Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers; None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others, Comes back into our own."

Edwin Markham.

Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all! With the barn full of feed, the stock well stabled, the cellar full of fruit and vegetables, a dressed hog and half a beef put away, the woodshed full of a winter's dry wood, a good supply of books and magazines, and possibly a radio, why shouldn't our farm folks take some comfort, have Christmas cheer, and be thankful for a substantial farm home?

Good Times in the Neighborhood

Farm neighbors have a splendid chance to have good times this winter in visiting back and forth, with little or no expense. My! What good times neighbors can have—men, women and children, and a fine spirit of good will be cultivated!

Country Club

A sort of a country club should spring up and flourish in each neighborhood this winter. We had one at Gaylord and the writer belonged. It lasted for years until he came to Grayling. We had play hide-and-seek around the barn, constitution, by-laws, officers or dues. Quite a change, wasn't it? This is the way we worked it: The writer, seeing the need of good times and good will among neighbors, quietly asked families here and there

if they would like to have a kind of country club without trouble or expense. We soon got several families that wanted to. Then the husband and wife of some one family would say: "We the club want to have a party to have them meet at our house next Thursday evening." Then, I would pass the word around among those who wanted to go in for this sort of thing, saying: "The Country Club is going to meet with the Charlie Franka family next Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock, sharp. Pot luck supper. Bring some food, knife and fork, cup, spoon and plate for each one of your family."

Did they come? I'll say they did! Did we have square meals? I'll say so! The writer's mouth waters at the remembrance of those meals.

Then, the greetings, the handshakes, the laughter, the gossip, the good will were heart warming.

Old quarrels, feuds, differences, forgotten, each tried to be agreeable. Each "put his best foot forward."

This crowd of perhaps a dozen families, was nothing to worry the family that we visited, for we worked this way:

We never went until the family said: "We would like to have the country club at our house on such and such a date." We never tried to "surprise" any family. The family that we visited did not have to cook up a lot of stuff, as if threshers were coming. They were expected to furnish only potatoes, coffee and cream.

The crowd brought the rest of the meal and practically all the dishes used. We didn't hurry through the meal, but made it hang on while we ate and visited and visited. Finally, the men would go by themselves and smoke and talk, the children would play, and the women would "do the dishes."

"Many hands make light work," so, the big stack of dishes was soon finished, while choice bits of gossip were flying. Then relishes for cakes, pickles, etc., and ideas for rugs and quilts were exchanged.

Songs were sung, apples and popcorn were passed at winter meetings. We never stayed late. Eleven o'clock generally saw us going home, in winter.

We had enough families in the club so that no family had to entertain more than once a year. We did not accept the excuse: "Oh, our house is not nice enough." We went to every kind of house.

Discussions of religion, politics or any other subject that might lead to bad feeling, were strictly not allowed. In meeting with the club, summer and winter for several years, the writer does not recall that rule being once broken.

When we met in the summer, the writer would pass out the word: "The Fred Stafford family wants us next Wednesday. Let's meet at 10 o'clock sharp, in the forenoon." It was surprising how promptly the crowd came. I have seen the time when not a family had arrived, and in 15 minutes from that time they had all arrived, and that from as far as 12 miles.

At the summer meetings 10 o'clock in the forenoon was the usual meeting hour. While the women visited and got the dinner in shape, the children would play tag and pull-away.

Meanwhile, the men would look around the buildings and the farm. These visits have put many a family on its pride to have things "in shape."

After the big dinner, under the trees in summer, the men would lie

around on the grass, and smoke and talk.

We always started home about half past three in summer, so that all could get chores done on time, and not upset the regular routine of things.

Time

Can a farm family get the time to spend a day a month like this? Sure, if they are good managers and it is time well spent, too. It tones-up the whole family.

Crawford Country Clubs

It would be splendid if the people in Eldorado would start off this holiday time by some person there just going ahead as at a wave, and getting all the neighbors to go in for an "Eldorado Country Club," without any "fuss or feathers." Why couldn't the bunch in South Branch do the same? The people in the "Love settlement," the same, and those in the "Hardwood settlement" of Beaver Creek follow suit. The people in the Sigbee neighborhood ought to get in on this and call themselves the "Sigbee Country Club." Wouldn't "Lovells Country Club" sound good?

Who will start the ball rolling? We would like to have news items similar to this to report nearly every week this winter. (The Maple Forest Country Club met with the writer's family last Saturday evening.)

A dozen families were there. A big supper, games, visiting and a spirit of good will were enjoyed.

The conversation finally drifted around to farm and home improvement. One farmer says that all that is great and good he will have the windmill pumping water into the kitchen; to overflow into the stock tank within two weeks. Says he knows that there has been no good reason why it was not done long ago.

Three other members of the club agreed to send for a registered purebred Guernsey bull, and it has got to be a good one, too.

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DEVELOPMENT BUREAU AND TOURIST ASSOCIATION NOW IN THEIR NEW BUILDING

The Northeastern Michigan Development bureau and the Eastern Michigan Tourist association offices are now established in their new building, near the corner of Fifth avenue and Adams street, Bay City.

The erection of the building was approved by the directors of the two organizations early this year. Excavation and construction was begun in the summer. The first logs were laid by directors of the two bodies at dedicatory exercises July 20, which were in charge of Herman Lundén of Gaylord and Lewiston, president of the Development bureau. At this ceremony directors were present from the entire section—between Detroit and Cheboygan.

The log cabin was erected without a cent of cost to either organization. Money to finance the cost of building is being secured through the issue of notes in denominations of \$100, bearing six per cent interest and redeemable at the rate of 20 per cent per year. The notes will be entirely liquidated in five years through rent paid by the two organizations. The Bay county board of supervisors, always a consistent supporter of the two bodies, appropriated \$1,000 toward the cost of the building. The Aetna Portland Cement company contributed the cement. Some of the material used in the construction was secured at cost.

The building is constructed of logs, typifying the pioneer period and reminiscent in architectural design of East Michigan's recreational resources. A huge fireplace in the center of the building, opposite the main entrance, is constructed of stones representative of each of the counties affiliated with the two organizations.

Local Materials Used

The building is virtually entirely constructed of materials which are the products of Michigan mines, soil and factories. The gas which supplies the heat is manufactured from Michigan mined coal; the electricity which gives light is stored energy from the famous AuSable river.

The log cabin has already proven a great publicity asset to East Michigan. Articles describing it have appeared in many publications and requests for the privilege of inspecting the building are still reaching the office. Hundreds of tourists this summer, stopped to visit the building and numerous requests have been received from visitors for plans of the building.

The lot upon which the building is located was leased to the two bodies by the Pere Marquette railroad officials at a nominal rental.

Serves 16 Counties

The Northeastern Michigan Development bureau serves 16 counties; north of and including Bay. Its executive committee consists of: John MacGregor, Alpena; Richard Peip-Korn, Alpena; H. A. Chamberlain, Alpena; J. E. Hewitt, Bay; M. J. Anderson, Crawford; H. B. Johnson, Clare; Al Weber, Cheboygan; Isaac Foster, Gladwin; E. N. Butler, Iosco; Herman Lundén, Montmorency; L. B. Madell, Midland; H. S. Korchner, Ogemaw; F. H. Stricker, Oscoda; John Yull, Otsego; J. R. Snody, Presque Isle; D. E. Matheson, Roscommon, and W. H. Hill, Chicago.

Today, the West Michigan Tourist association covers the territory once under the Ojibwa chiefs. It is intended to draw tourists to this section of Michigan. The executive committee is composed of: Pres. Floyd A. Allen, Flint; J. E. Richards, Alpena; first vice president, a man Anderson, Port Huron; second vice president, H. William Klare, Detroit; third vice president, W. B. Holden, Detroit; H. N. Butler, East Tawas; and T. F. Marston, Bay City, secretary.

The annual joint meeting of the two organizations will be held in Bay City, because of its central location, and because the executive offices of the two groups are here. Though the meeting has been delayed due to the illness of the secretary and manager, T. F. Marston, it is expected now that the meeting will convene sometime in January.

Decline of Conversation

There just doesn't seem to be any time for conversation now. It used to be Wichita's most popular recreation. It is now run over by the automobile, overshadowed by the movie, drowned out by the radio, crippled by the card game and just generally relegated to a rear seat along with everything else which demanded a certain amount of leisure to live.

Wichita Eagle.

FARMERS NOT USING THEIR SHARE OF EXPLOSIVE

That the farmers of Michigan are not making use of the war surplus explosive, pyrotol, is shown by the small amount ordered up to the present time.

According to Mr. L. F. Livingston, specialist in agricultural engineering at the Michigan State College, the farmers of Michigan have ordered less than 200,000 pounds during the five months of this fiscal year, ending July 1927. This is considerably below the allotment of 1,000,000 pounds for Michigan for this fiscal year.

On account of the demand for this material the authorities of the United States department of agriculture at Washington have so arranged this allotment that if all is not ordered before the end of the year the material is allotted to other states. Also the allotment for the next year is based on orders for the previous year.

This pyrotol is valuable for land clearing, rock blasting and ditch blowing, besides other farm uses. The farmers who need any explosive are making a serious mistake in not using this material when it is available. The cost is only about \$9 per ton, depending somewhat on the location.

The supply of pyrotol, a salvage product of the world war, will soon be gone. With it, cheap explosive may also go. It cannot be urged too strongly that you get in your order now for next spring's needs. This will also help assure a sufficient supply for the following year.

Anyone desiring pyrotol should get in touch with their county agricultural agent or write to L. F. Livingston, Agricultural Engineering Specialist, at East Lansing, Michigan.

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INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

Plans for the inauguration ceremony at Lansing January 1st have been completed. The general arrangements are in the hands of a committee of Lansing business men.

The oath of office will be administered by Governor-elect Green at noon, Central Standard Time. The ceremony will be held on the east steps of the Capitol if the weather permits, otherwise it will be held in the House of Representatives.

Immediately following the inauguration ceremony, a public reception will be held in the Capitol building, which will continue during the afternoon until 4 o'clock. The reception will be resumed at the Capitol at 8 o'clock in the evening. Music will be furnished during the evening and provision will be made for dancing in the corridors of the Capitol.

No invitations are being issued. All of the meetings are public. Everyone is invited.

The people of Lansing are giving a dinner in honor of the Governor and other incoming state officers, which will be held at Hotel Olds. This is being handled entirely by the Lansing committee. As only a limited number of tickets will be available, those interested should communicate with Charles W. Foster of Lansing at once.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The probate court for the county of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 20th day of December A. D. 1926.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hans Anderson, deceased.

William Jensen having filed in said court his petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of his death legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered, that the seventeenth day of January A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the *Crawford Avalanche*, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

12-23-3

Drum Major's Duties

An army band drum major leads the band in all parade formations and conducts all marches. He has full charge of the band in all drills and parades. He does not play any instrument. The army bandmaster marches to the right of the band with his conducting baton. He does not play any instrument.

Tack Up?

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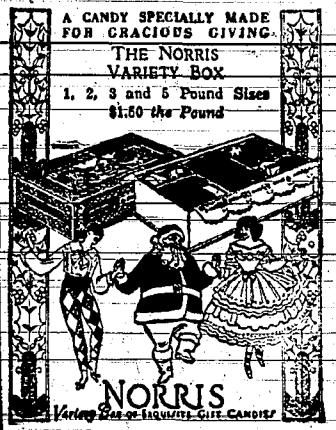
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Local News

Anybody ever hear a flapper sing "Home, Sweet Home?"

Christmas will not be complete without a potted plant or bouquet of flowers.

Emil Giegling returned last week from a pleasure trip to the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Victor Smith returned home from Bay City Tuesday where she had been spending a few days.

Last Friday night was a humdinger for weather, the thermometer registering thirty-four degrees below zero before morning.

The Grayling Opera house will present "The Canadian" on Christmas night. This picture has a great reputation and will be sure to please the holiday crowds that night.

J. L. Martin, a Michigan Central employee, broke through the window of the ice while attempting to get onto the way-car near Alba. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Holst and little son, Spencer M. of Detroit are expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mrs. Holst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough.

The Michigan Memorial Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment will be held at the church on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All departments of the Sunday school will meet at that hour.

Manager Geo. Olson of the Opera house, gave members of the high school ball team and some of the local newsboys a treat Monday night when they were invited to become his guests to see "The Quarterback," starring Richard Dix. Needless to say, these youngsters got a real thrill out of that fine movie.

At the meeting of the Mercy Hospital Aid society at the home of Mrs. A. J. Joseph Thursday, December 21, the annual election of officers took place. The following will have charge of the official duties of the society for the ensuing year: Mrs. C. G. Clippert, president; Mrs. Paul G. Hendrie, vice president; Mrs. Robert J. Legner, secretary-treasurer. The retiring president, Mrs. Louis Herbi-son, has had a most successful year, the sum of \$1200 having been raised during her term.

Christmas savings funds are ripe enough to pick.

Watch for the notice of the American Legion masquerade ball. Date announced soon.

Will those who are to help Mrs. Clippert with the caroling, meet with her at the Board of Trade rooms at 7 o'clock Friday evening.

Gravling boys and girls basketball teams played a Roscommon Tuesday night. The Gravling boys losing by a score of 13 to 5, and the Gravling girls winning by a good wide margin.

A statement in a recent edition of the Avalanche, giving an account of some of the recent game law violations, stated that "Doc" Sackrider arrested under that change, stated that he had killed a fawn deer. This was denied in his trial this morning. We wish to make this correction in fairness to Mr. Sackrider. He was charged with having a dead fawn in his possession, to which he pleaded guilty.

PICK YOUR TRAFFIC LANE

(By Erwin Greer, president Green College of Automotive and Electrical Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

You cuss when traffic isn't speeded up along the particular streets you have chosen to get home. That is yours and the fault of the other fellow. If you and the other fellow would only figure out the following as logic why traffic wouldn't be a job for ever.

Here is a way to cut delay at the psychological point where all traffic trouble starts—corners. Pick your lane. Let every driver on every street decide well back in the middle of the block what he is going to do at the next corner. If he is going to go straight, let him place himself in the middle of the street. If he is going to turn right, let him get over to the right. If he is going to turn left, let him move over to the left. Thousands of hours every day are lost by the corner tie-ups and tangles which result from foolish thoughtlessness.

Mr. Driver, who leaves the corner, wants to turn to the left and suddenly wakes up to the fact that he has placed himself way over at the right, must see saw right across the face of all the traffic moving in the same direction he has come from, slow all up, slow up himself, cause sudden jamming of brakes, much loss of time and temper. When traffic is stopped the right lane moving the curb should always be kept open for cars wishing to come through and turn to the right—turning into traffic that is moving in the other direction. The

driver who, desiring to go straight, places himself in the right-hand lane when the traffic signal goes up against him during the busy period, gains nothing for himself, but blocks cars behind him, which desiring to turn to the right and otherwise have to come straight through and turn into the traffic. This is a matter where the police department is helpless. Regulation cannot bring the change about. Only education can.

Thief's appeal to the motoring public for their own benefit and for the benefit of the city as a whole, to educate themselves, follow the plan and spread the news.

FREDERIC

The school will give an entertainment and Christmas tree on Thursday evening at school house.

The church and Sunday school will have a program and tree on Friday evening at the church.

Mrs. Crandall will entertain her sister over Christmas.

Howard Lodge is back from his summer cruise on the lakes, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Leng.

The weather man is not doing a very warm stroke of business, as Thursday night at nine o'clock the mercury registered 30 degrees below zero and Saturday morning 38.

Frank Leng and mother came up from Flint to see his father and other relatives.

Last Monday night at 10:30 a car load of men started for Florida, the party consisting of Sidney Barber and two sons, Edward McCracken and Rob Webster. When last heard from they were still in the snow at Cumberland's Gap.

Professor Christler has his radio, which he manufactured himself, in his room at the school house. They are drawing some attraction with the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Badger are the proud parents of a new son born December 11th.

Max Tobin is home for the holidays.

The sons of Wm. Smith of Maple Forest returned last Sunday.

Harry Hart of Adrian is here for his vacation.

LOVELLS NEWS

Miss Margaret Douglas spent a few days visiting at Grayling.

Peter Lovely went to Grayling Saturday to spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. Jack Hannon was here visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon.

Charles Papenfus has returned from Grayling Mercy hospital, much improved.

Mrs. William Paige has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burpee are here at the home of their son, George Burpee.

The John Stice family have moved away.

Mr. Hunt has gone to Boyne City after his wife.

Myrtle and Sarah Vance, who are attending high school at Grayling, came home Saturday to spend a few days.

Pete Lovely has started hauling timber with seven teams.

Who said we wouldn't have a white Christmas?

Fred Rowe was up here from Detroit.

MOTORED THRU SNOWDRIFTS

From now until the end of the winter, at least, in most sections, a week-end trip, begun in warm weather, may finish in a drifting snowstorm.

Old drivers know how to handle a drift that has formed in the roadway and causes the wheels to spin around and around. New motorists may have had no chance to learn their lesson, and are thus likely to attempt to force their way through the drift without pressing out their clutch.

The clutch will soon burn out completely if this method is practiced. The only way to force your car through the small, tantalizing drift (unless you wish to get out and let the snow away) is to press out the clutch as you strike the drift. If you do not get through, back out in your tracks for ten yards or so; and again charge the drift—pressing out your clutch at the last moment. A few charges of this kind will put you on the home side of the average small drift, with no need to worry you except the slight delay.

HEALTH NEWS

Buckwheat Pancakes

Buckwheat pancakes! What visions the words conjure up to those who were the youth of yesterday. A winter morning, outside, deep snow and zero weather; inside, a roaring wood fire, a hot stove, steaming coffee, maple syrup, ham or salt pork, or bacon and eggs, and plates heaped high with buckwheat cakes; with mother traveling steadily between stove and table, refilling plates that emptied so rapidly.

Mothers of that yesterday were not troubled by the problem of what to have for breakfast. From the earliest snowfall of autumn until the latest snowfall of spring, the breakfast menu was unchanged, with buckwheat cakes holding always the place of honor.

And people lived to tell the story, many of them, at least those who went out all day to cut wood or do chores or haul grain. Even the children survived, some of them, saved by the fact that they trudged, miles to school each day regardless of wind or weather. Their heavy diet was perhaps not too ill adapted to their hard life.

Those children of yesterday are the grown folk of today. Many of them have come to the city. The automobile has become their means of locomotion. Their lives are changed, their habits sedentary. Though city life has forced many of them to change their diet, others still cling to the diet of their youth, and to the ham and bacon and buckwheat cakes they ate of yore. The children, who walk to school is but a step, are fed as are their elders. Grown folks often fail to realize that the diet of a child should differ from their own.

But when old folk and young folk grow dull and sleepy and heavy of head, when they are troubled with indigestion, they may guess that the cause of the difficulty might be those same buckwheat cakes, brown, beautiful, and steaming, the golden syrup in which they bathe, and the salted bacon and ham which accompany them.



IT WAS cold along the Seine that Christmas Eve. There was a thin rain, half snow, and a nasty, penetrating wind coming up from the river that sent chills trembling down one's back.

Little Juliette Caret blew her breath against her hands to warm them and pulled her ragged little coat more tightly about her. She was the sole support of a family of four—this little, shivering tot, who stood always before the door of Notre Dame selling holy cards and medals to people as they passed in or out of the church.

Her mother was very ill and the three other children of the family—three younger than Juliette—were unable to do any kind of work. How she would have loved to bring home something very special for them this Christmas!

On her way to the church this evening she had stopped to look in at the window of a patisserie shop and her heart was taken with a great cake in the center—all white with dots of large red cherries around the sides. The price was ten francs. She took out her little worn purse and counted—two francs, five sous. Slowly she closed the purse and put it back in her pocket. The cake was out of the question. It would have to be a loaf of bread only.

All evening she had stood in front of the church, but had made almost nothing. Great numbers of people were coming to the midnight mass, but they all passed by little Juliette with only an annoyed "Non, non, non!" A little later there was almost nobody coming. She could hear the organ playing. Mass had begun.

She would have hurried home but her feet were numb with the cold.



Slipped Quietly Into a Seat of the Large Church.

Desires, she thought, she really ought to go in and say a little prayer for her mother.

She opened the huge door of the cathedral, slipped quietly into a seat of the large church and prayed fervently for her mother and little sisters. Prayed, too, that she might somehow be able to buy them a cake for Christmas!

The heat of the church after the little cold outside made her drowsy. She went fast to sleep and her head fell heavily against the shoulder of a man sitting next to her.

The man was an American. He was at first annoyed when he saw the little towseled head with its dirty cap against his coat-sleeve, but on second glance at the pathetic little figure he was overcome with genuine emotion. "Poor little devil," he thought, "wonder what's been your short history and what will it be in the future." He saw in her dirty little hands the strings of medals and the box of holy cards she had been trying to sell. He reached into his pocket, pulled out two crisp 1,000 franc notes, folded them carefully and placed them on top of the candles.

Almost everyone had left the church when Juliette awakened. Mass was over, all the candles on the altar had been extinguished, the lights of the church were being put out. Juliette rubbed her eyes drowsily and with a start counted her medals to see that no one had taken any while she slept. They were all quite safe. She next turned to her box of cards and her eyes became two large moons. "Two thousand francs," two thousand francs!" She couldn't believe it. "It was a miracle! Hadn't she prayed for money to buy her people Christmas gifts? She knelt down again, said a fervent prayer in thanksgiving, then gathered all the things together and ran quickly from the church—past the confession shop—it was closed, of course, but the white cake was still in the window. Tomorrow morning she would go there early and buy it—buy every good thing in the shop. And still there would be enough left to buy them all clothes in the after-Christmas sales. She teared joyously in the air. She did not feel the cold now.

"Merry Christmas," she called to an old lady who passed her. "Merry Christmas to the whole world!"

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Poles Careful Christmas Eve

The Poles have many superstitions in connection with Christmas. They believe that what they do on Christmas Eve they will do all the year around, and therefore they conduct themselves with that prospect in view.

Plan on attending the Charity ball

New Year's eve and have a good time.

Legion of Honor

The famous French order known as the Legion of Honor was instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte, when he was first consul, 124 years ago. Although the order confers honors upon distinguished civil servants of the state, and eminent benefactors of humanity, it is stipulated that three-fifths of all the medals awarded must go to the men of the army and navy.

Bargain Store

Bargains

Last Minute ones, and useful, and a Christmas present that is useful is the best kind.

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Shoes and Rubbers for the whole family

Ladies' Coats from \$5.00 to 14.75

at the Bargain Store

Frank Dreese old stand.

RIISING SECURITY PRICES

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

In our releases for the past few weeks we have stated that prosperity will continue throughout the greater part of 1927. There are items, as usual, affording a peg upon which the pessimistically inclined may hang a reason or two for their darker prophecies. The balance is overwhelmingly against the pessimist.

The announcement of the extra dividend voted by the directors of United States Steel was to crystallize optimistic sentiment throughout the whole country. The Steel board went on record as expressing the belief that good business will continue. But this isn't all. Reports of record earnings of corporations are coming in every day. Nearly every day the news is broadcast that some corporation has increased its dividend and that others have resumed the payment of dividends after a lapse, sometimes of years. And yet the end is not in sight.

On top of the dividend increases voted by Baltimore & Ohio, Boston & Maine, and Atchinson, others will fall in line. Reading, chief of the hard coalers, which is enjoying unprecedented prosperity, owing to the heavy movement of coal, is scheduled to increase its dividend or to pay an extra. New York Central, by reason of greater earnings than ever before in its history, will undoubtedly do something extraordinary for its stockholders. Atchinson will go still farther—it is also in the wind—that Southern Pacific will take over other roads and increase its dividend distribution commensurate with increased profits. Erie has not paid anything on its common stock in years, but will do something for stockholders as a reward for their patience before 1927 is over. Dividends should, somehow, be able to buy them a cake for Christmas!

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TESTED RECIPE

Eat greens as much as possible, now, this is obtainable. Later in the winter some of those that may still be at the corner store may be purchased only by women in the larger cities—and only at very high prices.

The minerals and salts of such foods as cabbage, lettuce, peppers, celery and cauliflower are needed by our bodies, and it is well to store them up now while these foods are obtainable. Here is a little salad that will prove very pleasing and is very beneficial.

Celery Paste Salad

Take equal parts of tart apple and hearts of celery, and about half the quantity of green or red sweet pepper, bodies, and it is well to store them up now while these foods are obtainable. Here is a little salad that will prove very pleasing and is very beneficial.

Make a paste from this mixture combined with minced dates, raisins, cream cheese or even apple butter, and fill the grooves of celery stalks with the paste. Serve one filled stalk on a crisp lettuce leaf, to each person, adding a mound of homemade jelly on the side, if you wish.

WHAT ABOUT 1927?

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

One of the reasons for forecasting further advances in security markets throughout 1927, in spite of the belief of many that some stocks are too high already, is the contrary opinion that the present upswing of the market in the face of unfavorable reports from many quarters, reflects actual

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